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Customized PTO/SB/30 (04-09)

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal Mail Stop RCE

|                | Custoffized P10/36/30 (04-09) |  |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Application #  | 10/758,115                    |  |  |
|                |                               |  |  |
| Filing Date    | January 16, 2004              |  |  |
| First Inventor | TSUSHIMA                      |  |  |
| Art Unit       | 2452                          |  |  |
| Examiner       | Brian P. Whipple              |  |  |
| Docket #       | HITA 0496                     |  |  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-noted application.

RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

Prosecution must be closed.

| under 27 CED \$ 1 114   | Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate request for non-entry). |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
|---|--|-----------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|--|--|
| <ul> <li>☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if the box for the following line is not checked.</li> <li>☐ Consider the arguments in the Response/Amendment previously filed on September 8, 2009</li> <li>☐ Other:</li> </ul> |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| <ul> <li>☑ Enclosed</li> <li>☑ Preliminary Amendment/Response to Office Action</li> <li>☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration</li> <li>☐ Unformation Disclosure Citation</li> <li>☐ Other: 3-month extension of time</li> </ul>  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Miscellaneous   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR§ 1.17(i) required)  Other:   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| FEES calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
|   | NOW  | Basic/Previous Number | Present Extra | . Rate     | <u>\$</u> |  |  |
| ☐ TOTAL CLAIMS  | 25   | 25                    |               | X \$ 52 =  |           |  |  |
| ☐ INDEPENDENT CLAIMS  | 8  | 8                     |               | X \$ 220 = |           |  |  |
| RCE fee required unde   | er 37 CFR  |                       |               | \$ 810 =   | 810       |  |  |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |  |                       |               |            | 810       |  |  |
| Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| SUBTOTAL =  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Extension of time fee 3-months (\$1,110) less 2-month extension of time fee   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| (\$490) already paid on 10/29/09  Other fee for + \$ =  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
|   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES = 1,43  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| □ Payment of \$1,430 is made by:    □ CREDIT CARD (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed).  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| ☐ ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER submitted herewith.   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| ☐ The Director is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:  (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| required to render this submission timely.  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Date: November 30, 2009   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Signed By Name: Juan Carlos A. Marquez.   |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
| Attorney of Record Registration No. 34,072  |  |                       |               |            |           |  |  |
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